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Items for the Daily Log - 20 April 1953

1. On instructions from General Cabell, I handed to Senator Symington a short statement on General Cabell's participation at the Yalta Conference in case any issue on this point was raised on the Floor.

2. General Cabell's nomination as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence was confirmed by the Senate this date, *without debate*.

3. ADD/A is handling all details of ascertaining that General Cabell's commission is issued promptly and accepted prior to the issuance of any Air Force orders relieving General Cabell from his current assignment.

4. In accordance with Congressman Kersten's request for information concerning the background of [redacted] I have informed the Congressman that the background information on [redacted] which he had forwarded to the Defense Department (and which was shown to [redacted] by G-2) was substantially correct. I also informed him that [redacted] had been a covert employee of ours and that we had found it necessary to terminate his employment because of breaches of security information. The Congressman has assured me that he will make no disclosure of CIA connections in this case. (See my memorandum for DD/P, dated 15 April 1953.)  
cc: Chief, FI, through Chief of Operations, Mr. Helms

5. With the approval of the Chief of Operations, I have informed Congressman Kersten orally, in reply to his letter of 23 March 1953 to Mr. Dulles, that CIA has a slight covert interest in [redacted] will be eligible for citizenship in September 1953, and, therefore, it appears unwise to sponsor a private bill which would speed up this citizenship at most by a few months. I pointed out that this might point an undue finger at [redacted] which might destroy his security value. In view of the statements in Congressman Kersten's letter, I also suggested that he destroy his copies.

cc: [redacted]  
Officer

6. [redacted] have discussed with me and left a memorandum urging this office to take necessary steps as the occasion arose with the Senate Investigating Committee and the Department of Justice in connection with matters arising out of the affairs of [redacted] ship owners. It listed one of whom <sup>that</sup> claims that the actions ~~taken~~ were at the request of CIA. *He took*

7. In connection with the call on 17 April from Miss Nancy Grube, Legislative Assistant to Senator Duff, and after consultation with Mr. Amory, DDI, who had discussed the matter with the DCI, I informed Miss Grube that while the article in the New York Journal American mentioned a CIA study, that any such study which the Senator wished to see would be highly classified and could only be released with the approval of the NSC or of the President. I

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further informed her that any study of the Moscow Conference of October, 1952, would have been overtaken by recent events and, therefore, of little value. However, if Senator Duff wished a briefing on the Moscow Conference and subsequent developments, we would be happy to send someone up to give the Senator a thorough briefing on this matter. Miss Grube will inform us as to the Senator's wishes.

8. In accordance with instructions from Mr. Dulles, I informed Congressman Kersten that Mr. Dulles would not be able to keep his appointment with the Congressman on 21 April and that he would be happy to have Mr. Kersten inform me in the matter in which he was interested so that I might brief Mr. Dulles for a subsequent meeting. Mr. Kersten informed me that the subject for discussion would be some information which [redacted] [redacted] wished to transmit to the DCI. (See my memorandum for the record, 21 April 1953.)

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9. Mr. Rogers, Deputy Attorney General, called me regarding possible CIA assistance in the [redacted] case. (See memorandum for the Record, dated April 1953.) Mr. Amory, DDI, subsequently talked with Mr. Rogers, who is asking that we go into the details with Mr. Donagan, who is handling the case.

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